



**LIQUOR COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY APRIL 25, 2013
4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE was led by Police Chief Greg Nelson

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call: Liquor Commissioner Laurie Barra, Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr, Police Chief Greg Nelson, Fire Chief Kurt Nelson, Commission Member Dale Vonderheide.

Absent: Commission Member Buster Hanley

Also present: Attorney Sue Bosich – Corporation Counsel and Sue McMillan, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Liquor Commissioner Barra to approve the Agenda, seconded Police Chief Nelson. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commission Member Vonderheide to approve the Special Liquor Commission Minutes of April 3, 2013, seconded by Fire Chief Kurt Nelson. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Casey's General Store, 1800 N. 8th Street – Store Manager Dianne Walters and Jennifer Passmore
They would like to get a liquor license to sell package liquor (beer only) at their N. 8th Street store. They would have a “beer cave”, which is a cooler by itself with a door that you walk in. Doors would be locked during non-liquor sale hours and there would be camera's inside. Ms. Walters stated 33% of their sales is prepared foods. Ms. Walters stated she feels most of her customers come in order a pizza and then drives home, she feels this would be the same as if they sold alcohol – most stop in and are headed home. She sees this as a positive for Pekin and also would bring in more revenue for the City. Ms. Passmore stated there are only a few Casey stores that do not sell alcohol. They have different conditions with each store. Underage 21 employees would work in the kitchen area and not on the selling floor. They would not have “delivery”.

Discussion: Deputy Liquor Commissioner Rick VonRohr stated the Liquor Commission has looked at this before and it was voted down. The Liquor Commission will revisit this issue. The Liquor Commission understands the impact this would have. . All hard liquor would have to be behind the counter. There could be limits set, lock on coolers or cover up after hours. Wal-mart stores that can sell alcohol cover up or rope off the area that they sell. There could be issues with gas stations or existing stores wanting a liquor license to sell alcohol. Police Chief Nelson stated Casey's General store made some good points and will take this under advisement Attorney Bosich stated we would have to amend the Liquor Code.

Avanti's Dome – 3401 Griffin Avenue – Dan Steinbach and John Smock

Dan asked when their liquor license for the Avanti's Dome would be ready. Attorney Bosich informed them their liquor license liability insurance needs to reflect the one address and name City of Pekin as Certificate

Holder. Attorney Bosich is drafting the conditions and stated their license would be ready by renewal time, April 30th, 2013.

Discussion on Class C liquor license. Liquor Commission members discussed since the Class C is unique, sort of like the golf courses, the fee should reflect the sale of hard liquor on both premises and the beer garden. Liquor Commission decided for a Class C liquor license for Avanti's Dome will be \$2500.00.

Sue McMillan stated Kroger's Limited called inquiring about having wine tasting at their store. Attorney Bosich stated they would need to get a One Day Liquor License. Liquor Commissioner VonRohr stated long ago in a liquor commission meeting it was decided they would not need one and to follow the State Liquor Control Commission.

Paula to add "Sell Package Liquor" on next Agenda. This past weekend the Speakeasy Art Center had a Springfest Event and bands with a BYOB. Just wondered how they could get by with that on each function they have without getting a liquor license. Would they not need a One Day Liquor License?

Discussion: Not profiting off of it and not selling the alcohol. They've had private parties and it was a BYOB. Attorney Bosich will do some research on this.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time

2% Food and Beverage Tax

Melanie, Wastewater Supervisor came into meeting with some late returns.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned 4:55 P.M.

Next Meeting will be Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Gensel